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1. SUMMARY: THE CCD HELD TWO PLENARY MEETINGS FEBRUARY 28 AND MARCH 2. OPENING STATEMENTS WERE MADE BY THE GDR AND JAPAN. THE GDR SAID IT EXPECTED BILATERAL AND MULTI-LATERAL NEGOTIATIONS ON THE MUTUAL RENUNCIATION OF THE NEUTRON BOMB TO BEGIN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND CLAIMED THAT DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEUTRON BOMB AND CRUISE MISSILES COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED BY CONCLUSION OF SOVIET-PROPOSED  
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TREATY ON NEW MDW. JAPAN BERATED U.S. AND USSR FOR NOT YET AGREEING ON CTB AND CW INITIATIVES, CALLED FOR A MORATORIUM ON ALL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS IN CASE A CTB IS NOT CONCLUDED BEFORE THE SSOD AND VOLUNTEERED TOKYO'S HOSPITALITY THIS YEAR FOR AN INFORMAL TECHNICAL MEETING OF EXPERTS FOR MAKING THE NECESSARY PREPARATIONS TO CONDUCT AN EXPERIMENTAL EXERCISE OF AN INTERNATIONAL

EXCHANGE OF SEISMIC DATA. AFTER LENGTHY DEBATE AND CONSULTATIONS OVER TEXT IN CCD INFORMAL MEETING, MARCH 2, THE CCD TOOK A DECISION TO ESTABLISH THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMME OF DISARMAMENT (REPORTED REF D). THE U.S. GAVE WESTERN GROUP COPIES OF THE SOVIET DRAFT CONVENTION ON THE NEUTRON BOMB (REF E) AND INFORMED GROUP AT MEETING, MARCH 1, OF SOVIET DEL INTENTION TO TABLE THE CONVENTION IN THE CCD. END SUMMARY

2. THE CCD HELD ITS 775TH AND 776TH PLENARY MEETINGS FEBRUARY 28 AND MARCH 2. AMBASSADOR HERDER (GDR) MADE THE FINAL OPENING STATEMENT OF THE EASTERN EUROPEAN BLOC MEMBERS OF THE CCD. HE CLAIMED THE NEUTRON BOMB AND CRUISE MISSILE ISSUES WERE JEOPARDIZING SALT II AND BRIEFLY MENTIONED THE NEED FOR PARTIES IN THE CTB AND CW NEGOTIATIONS TO DISPLAY THE NECESSARY POLITICAL DETERMINATION TO REACH AGREEMENT, PARTICULARLY AS REGARDS THE ON-SITE INSPECTION ISSUE. IN AN EXTENSIVE HARANGUE, HERDER REITERATED THE DEMAND THAT "THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW SYSTEMS OF WEAPONS LIKE THE NEUTRON BOMB AND THE CRUISE MISSILE" BE PROHIBITED AND IMPLIED THAT SUCH DEVELOPMENT COULD HAVE BEEN PREVENTED BY THE SOVIET-ADVOCATED OMNIBUS AGREEMENT TO BAN NEW MASS DESTRUCTION WEAPONS. HE SAID THE CCD MUST "ACT IN TIME" AND NOT KEEP SILENT ABOUT THE NEUTRON BOMB. "IT IS HIGH TIME," HERDER STATED, "TO PUT THE PROHIBITION OF THE NEUTRON BOMB ON THE AGENDA AND TO START NEGOTIATIONS ON THIS

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SUBJECT." TURNING TO PROCEDURAL ISSUES, HERDER SUGGESTED THAT THE CCD'S SPECIAL REPORT TO THE UN SPECIAL SESSION DEVOTED TO DISARMAMENT (SSOD) GIVE A SHORT AND OBJECTIVE SUMMARY OF THE RESULTS ALREADY ACHIEVED BY CCD OVER THE YEARS, A REPORT ON THE RESULTS OF ON-GOING NEGOTIATIONS, AND A PORTRAYAL OF CCD CONTRIBUTIONS IN SUCH AREAS AS THE DETECTION AND IDENTIFICATION OF SEISMIC EVENTS AND NUCLEAR WEAPON FREE ZONES. HE ALSO, AS WOULD BE EXPECTED, CALLED FOR MAINTAINING THE STRUCTURAL STATUS QUO IN THE COMMITTEE AND WAS AGAINST ANY FURTHER PROCEDURAL REFORMS.

3. AMBASSADOR OGISO'S (JAPAN) STATEMENT WAS DEVOTED ALMOST ENTIRELY TO BERATING THE U.S. AND THE USSR FOR THE LIKELIHOOD THAT THE CCD WOULD NOT HAVE A COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN TREATY (CTBT) OR A CHEMICAL WEAPONS BAN BEFORE THE SSOD. OGISO STATED THAT THE DELAY IN SUBMISSION OF A CTBT TO THE COMMITTEE INDICATED A "LACK OF EFFORT FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT ON THE PART OF THE NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES" AND WARNED THAT THE DELAY MIGHT ERODE THE NPT REGIME AND EVEN ENCOURAGE FURTHER HORIZONTAL NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION. OGISO SAID THAT IF THE U.S., U.K., AND

USSR WERE UNABLE TO SUBMIT THEIR AGREEMENT TO THE CCD BEFORE THE SSOD, THEY SHOULD (1) DECLARE, AT THE SPECIAL SESSION, A MORATORIUM ON ALL NUCLEAR TEST EXPLOSIONS, INCLUDING PNE'S UNTIL A CTBT IS CONCLUDED; AND (2) MAKE A JOINT DECLARATION OF INTENT AT THE SSOD TO PRESENT THEIR INITIATIVE TO THE CCD "AT THE LATEST IN ITS SUMMER SESSION." ON PNE'S, OGISO PROPOSED THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE FOR INCLUSION IN A CTBT: QUOTE; ANY STATE PARTY TO THE TREATY SHALL NOT CONDUCT ANY NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES UNLESS AGREEMENT IS REACHED ON APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL SUPERVISION AND PROCEDURES WHICH WILL ENSURE THAT NO WEAPON TESTING CAN BE CARRIED OUT UNDER

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THE GUISE OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES. THE STATES PARTIES TO THIS TREATY SHALL UNDERTAKE TO CONTINUE IN GOOD FAITH NEGOTIATIONS ON THE APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL SUPERVISION AND PROCEDURES REFERRED TO ABOVE, AND SHALL MAKE A PERIODIC REVIEW OF THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS. END QUOTE. HE ALSO STATED THAT THE U.S., U.K., AND USSR SHOULD PRESENT THOSE PARTS OF CTB AND CW INITIATIVES WHICH ARE AGREED UPON TO THE CCD TO ENABLE

CCD NEGOTIATIONS TO BEGIN BEFORE THE SSOD. REGARDING VERIFICATION OF A CTB, OGISO EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE U.S., U.K. AND USSR WOULD REACH AN EARLY AGREEMENT ON THE ISSUE AND SAID THE CCD COULD MAKE A VALUABLE TECHNICAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE EARLY CONCLUSION OF A CTB TREATY BY WORKING OUT THE INTERNATIONAL SEISMIC DATA

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EXCHANGE SYSTEM "WITHOUT NECESSARILY WAITING FOR AND WITHOUT PREJUDICING THE CONCLUSION OF THE TRILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS." HE SUGGESTED THAT THE COMMITTEE TAKE A DECISION TO CONTINUE THE WORK OF THE SEISMIC EXPERTS GROUP WITH A VIEW TO CONDUCTING EXPERIMENTAL EXERCISES AS PROPOSED BY JAPAN (SEE REF C) AND VOLUNTEERED THE HOSPITALITY OF TOKYO AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME THIS YEAR FOR AN "INFORMAL TECHNICAL MEETING OF EXPERTS" FOR MAKING THE NECESSARY PREPARATIONS. OGISO POINTED OUT THAT ONCE THE DATA SYSTEM WAS SET UP, IT COULD BE USED TO SUPERVISE THE JAPANESE-PROPOSED MORATORIUM UNTIL A CTBT WAS CONCLUDED.

4. AMBASSADOR FARTASH (IRAN) AS CHAIRMAN OF THE NON-ALIGNED GROUP OF FIFTEEN, SAID THE FIFTEEN BELIEVED THE SPECIAL REPORT TO THE SSOD SHOULD CONTAIN AN ASSESSMENT OF THE COMMITTEE'S WORK ON ALL THE ISSUES ON ITS AGENDA AND INFORMED THE COMMITTEE THAT THE FIFTEEN WERE PRESENTLY CONSIDERING STRUCTURAL AND PROCEDURAL REFORMS TO THE CCD WHICH WOULD BE PRESENTED AT A LATER DATE.

5. AFTER LENGTHY DEBATE AND CONSULTATION, MARCH 2, THE CCD TOOK A FORMAL DECISION TO ESTABLISH THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP TO DISCUSS AND ELABORATE A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMME OF DISARMAMENT (REPORT AND TEXT OF DECISION CONTAINED REF D).

6. AMBASSADOR ADENIJI (NIGERIA) INTRODUCED A NIGERIAN PAPER ON SUGGESTIONS FOR INCLUSION IN A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM OF DISARMAMENT (CCD/555). NIGERIAN PAPER FOCUSES ON THE LINK BETWEEN DISARMAMENT AND DEVELOPMENT AND ON COORDINATING, UNDER THE UN, ALL DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS "WHETHER UNILATERAL, BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL." THE PAPER IS POINTEDLY CRITICAL OF CO-CHAIRMEN'S CONTROL OF NEGOTIATIONS IN CCD. THE NIGERIAN

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PROPOSED ELEMENTS OF A PROGRAM ARE: NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT; PROHIBITION OF MDW, INCLUDING A COMPREHENSIVE PROHIBITION OF NEW MDW AND BANS ON CW AND RW; COLLATERAL MEASURES OF

DISARMAMENT SUCH AS REDUCTION OF MILITARY BUDGETS AND A UN PROGRAM TO PROMOTE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE DANGERS OF THE ARMS RACE; PROHIBITION OF NEW TYPES OF CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS AND REDUCTION OF FORCES; AND GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT. THE PAPER ALSO INCLUDES SUGGESTIONS FOR STRUCTURAL/PROCEDURAL REFORM OF CCD, INCLUDING THE PROPOSAL TO ABOLISH THE CO-CHAIRMANSHIP.

7. AT WESTERN GROUP MEETING, MARCH 1, USDEL DISTRIBUTED COPIES OF SOVIET DRAFT NEUTRON BOMB CONVENTION (REF E) AND INFORMED GROUP OF SOVIET INTENTION TO TABLE CONVENTION IN CCD (SEE REF B). WHEN ASKED IF U.S. INTENDED TO RESPOND WITH STATEMENT ON ER/RB WEAPONS, FISHER REPLIED THAT HE WOULD MAKE A STATEMENT AND THAT ANY ALLIED STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT WOULD BE WELCOMED. U.K. REP (ASHE) INDICATED U.K. WILLINGNESS TO MAKE FORMAL STATEMENT IN CCD SUPPORTING U.S. POSITION. DUTCH REP (MEERBURG) SAID HE WOULD SEEK GUIDANCE BUT THAT ER/RB WAS A VERY HOT POLITICAL ISSUE IN THE NETHERLANDS AND THAT HE DOUBTED THE HAGUE WOULD AUTHORIZE HIS DEL TO MAKE A SUPPORTIVE STATEMENT. U.K. ALT/REP (KENYON), JUST RETURNED FROM SSOD PREPCOM IN NEW YORK, INFORMED GROUP THAT THE FRENCH HAD BEEN VERY MILD IN NEW YORK ABOUT REPLACEMENT OF THE CCD, AND HAD EVEN INDICATED THAT THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE FRENCH-PROPOSED COMMITTEE WOULD INCLUDE THE CCD MEMBERS. SORENSON

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